



From our Principal

I cannot believe how fast this term has flown by and that we are at the end of Week 8 already.

Monday night was our Governing Council AGM and first meeting. It was fantastic to meet some more of our parent community.

We welcome the following people as our Governing Council representatives for 2023:

- Chairperson & Parent Rep:** Rebecca Lehmann
- Deputy Chairperson & Parent Rep:** Jessica Johnstone
- Secretary:** *Position Vacant*
- Treasurer & Community Member:** Graham Borlace
- Staff Rep:** Helen Whyte
- Parent Rep:** Peta Shore
- Community Reps:** Dianna Borlace, Michelle Shore

In Week 6, I attended Leaders Day with all of South Australia's principals and directors. This was a fantastic opportunity to network and share dialogue to collectively determine our shared *Purpose for Public Education in South Australia*. My favourite session was about the use of artificial intelligence (AI) programs in the classroom to enhance learning and engagement.

We are excited to announce that we have been successful in employing an Intervention Leader to fill our teacher vacancy and support our school improvement agenda around improved academic outcomes for students. Ayla Hurley will be joining our community from Monday next week. You can read more about Ayla on page 2.

We have some staffing changes which will also take place from Monday, Week 9:

- Room 1 will have Rachel Yates on Monday and Tuesdays.
- Room 12 will have Darren Masters on Thursday afternoon and Friday.
- Room 11 will have Christian Smith, replacing Tammy Edwards who is moving to Whyalla Secondary College.
- Room 10 will have Ayla Hurley on Wednesdays while Eirinn Hunt takes her Aboriginal Education Teacher role.
- Ayla Hurley will teach each class the Performing Arts (Music, Dance and Drama).
- Becc O'Neil will teach each class Health.

We have tried to make these changes as seamless as possible to avoid disruption.

We have removed supervised recess eating time from the daily timetable. This is due to us not meeting the required minimum of face to face minutes and spending too much time each week supervising students eating. Students are required to take their recess outside with them. They are encouraged to finish eating before they begin playing.

If you have any younger children who will be starting school at Long Street next year, or have any friends or family who are wishing to enrol their children with us, we strongly encourage you to make contact with Shirley in the front office to put in an intention to enrol. This will support us with future planning and staffing for the school.

I wish you all a lovely Easter break, which will be here before we know it!

- Dianna Pickert



Meet the Intervention Leader

I wish to take this opportunity to welcome all of our students, parents/caregivers and community to the 2023 school year. I am very excited and looking forward to many exciting learning opportunities for all our students. I cannot believe we are over half way through Term 1 already!



I am currently the Primary Years Coordinator at Roxby Downs Area School. I will be the new Intervention Leader at Long Street Primary School, as well as teaching Room 10 on Wednesdays and R-6 Performing Arts. I will be on deck in Week 9, 27th March 2023. I look forward in meeting everyone.

A little about me, I have taught in a variety of schools across South Australia; including, and most recently at Coober Pedy Area School, where I was a teacher and leader for 5 years. In the holidays I got married to my high school sweetheart! We also have a 16-month-old little girl, 2 puppy dogs and a kitty cat. I love coffee, the footy and sleep!

I am very privileged and excited to lead and support the staff at Long Street Primary School. I look forward to working with you all to ensure our students continue to get the best teaching and learning opportunities.

Kind Regards,

Ms Ayla Hurley

Key Calendar Dates

15 th – 27 th March	NAPLAN (Years 3 and 5)
27 th March	Choir Rehearsals at Bunyara
30 th March	Football Carnival
31 st March	Assembly – Room 12
31 st March	Colour Splatacular Fundraiser 2.30pm
6 th April	Easter Weekend. Early Dismissal 2.10pm
7 th April	Good Friday Public Holiday
10 th April	Easter Monday Public Holiday
13 th April	Table Tennis Carnival
14 th April	End of Term. Early Dismissal 2.10pm
1 st May	Term 2 Begins

Assembly Award Winners



Week 3 Winners

Cooper Schwab, Hudson Gilbert, Caden Dalziel, Addison Whitefield, Ruby Shooter, Ava Prime, Sophia Mercer, Kollins Clarke, Kaylee Lanyon, Lucas Elleway and Mason Kolis.



Week 6 Winners

Bell Clarke, Xavier Miller, Jake Richardson Jr, Kane Hales, Bella Johnstone, Jayden Heinjus, Mathew Ebdell, Erin Daley, Ruby Green, Maddison Manfield and Casey Wood.





From our Deputy Principal

NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 students have been working on the four National Assessment Program (NAPLAN) tests. Students firstly sit the Writing test then Reading, Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and finally Numeracy.

A priority for the Long Street PS and local ICT team has been ensuring that our students have access to complete NAPLAN on laptops rather than iPads. This has been a great success with our students thoroughly enjoying the new technology.

We are very proud of the resilience, bravery and creativity our students have shown throughout the assessment program! Congratulations to all students. We can't wait to share our results!



Seesaw Launch

Seesaw

SeeSaw is Long Street Primary School's student academic portfolio and home-school communication platform. We have been uploading notes and teachers have been sharing precious learning opportunities via the platform.

We strongly encourage all families to download the app or log in via the website platform on a regular basis. From here you can see your child's learning journey in all learning areas, like and comment on your child's work, communicate with your child's teachers and receive notes from the Administration Team.

If you need any support in signing up or accessing your child's account, please see your child's teacher or Shirley in the Front Office for more information.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Challenge is a literacy engagement strategy that requires students to read 12 age-appropriate books in a year. Students who complete the challenge receive an annual award.

The 2023 PRC has now begun and closes on 8 September 2023.

For more information, see:

<https://premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/premiers-reading-challenge-guidelines/>



Media Photoshoot

On Tuesday 14th March we had a media team visit from Adelaide. The expert team of two brought various cameras and lenses – including the student's favourite, the drone! - to capture our incredible learning spaces, students and staff. Our website is currently in the process of being updated but here are some sneak peek snaps!





Community Night

Wow oh wow! How we LOVED seeing so many of our students, families and wider community visit at our 2023 Community Night. Music, games, sausage sizzle – what isn't there to adore? The feedback we have had from the evening has been wonderful since we opened our gates to all. Staff ran various fun activities and Mrs Utting had designed a fabulous Eyre-BnB Passport for families to collect stamps on our exploration trail. Congratulations to Lexi Kemp who took home the prize for the night which was drawn from the box of completed passports. Our gates are open every day for families to meet with staff before and after school. Please come into the foyers and explore the classrooms regularly.



Port Power Visit

At the start of March, we were lucky enough to have members of the Port Adelaide Football Club attend our school as a part of their annual Community Camp. As per usual, they delivered a fantastic and informative presentation about healthy eating and lifestyle choices. They also described the journey and personal sacrifices they have undertaken to make it onto an AFL list. After their presentation, the players were faced with some interesting questions from our students and followed this with an autograph session which pleased everyone (especially the die hard Port fans!).



Clean Up Australia Day

Clean Up Australia Day was a great opportunity for students to selflessly display our school value of *Responsibility*. We had students bring bags and gloves as we explored our local area, collecting rubbish to beautify our grounds. Thank you to all students for your outstanding participation!





From our Wellbeing Leader

Student Representative Council

Congratulations to our 2023 Student Representative Council. The Student Representative Council (SRC) is made up of a group of students who want to help other students by presenting ideas which are of benefit to all students. The SRC also informs its peers of any important information which affects the student body. Another purpose of the SRC is to teach students how the school works, how decisions are made and how to achieve changes. Being on the SRC teaches skills which you can put to use in later life. Students participating in the SRC need to be well organised and prepared to work towards having input in the running of the school.



Colour Splatacular Fundraiser

I am looking forward to the Colour Splatacular next week! The highest fundraiser from each class will have the opportunity to slime Ms Pickert at the event. It is recommended that students bring a towel with them to school to wrap around them after the event - and also protect your car seats! We encourage students to wear another t-shirt underneath their white top as the slime will make their t-shirts wet.

Friday 31st of March!

Think colour, think slime, think fun!



Harmony Week

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds.

It's about inclusivity, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Harmony Week runs from Monday the 20th to Sunday 26th March. At Long Street Primary School, we celebrated Harmony Day on Tuesday 21st March, the SRC ran games and group activities and Ms Pickert had a range of different cultural art and craft activities for students to participate in at both lunch and recess time.



Attendance Update

Attendance at school is so important, it helps students thrive academically and develop social skills.

At Long Street we would like to acknowledge those students who continue to attend each and every day. Congratulations to the following six students who have a 100% attendance rate so far this term: Brooklyn Jones, Ruby Jones, Cooper Schwab, Ruby Green, Charlotte Templeton and Grace Van-Balen.

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS:
EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY**



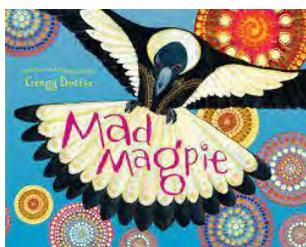
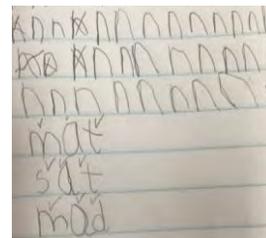
From our classes

Room 2 – Miss Knapton

Read Write Inc occurs each day from 9:35am – 10:20am for our students in Reception – Year 2. Miss Knapton takes the 'Sound Group' in Room 2. At home, you may have heard of Fred the Frog. Fred is a frog who only talks in sounds! When we practice reading and writing words, we 'Fred Talk' (sound out). During Read Write Inc each day the students in Miss Knapton's Sound Group are learning to:

- Recognise the sounds letters make
- Write letters correctly using the RWI formation phrases which were sent home
- Orally blend. For example, if you say the sounds h-a-t, students blend these together to say the word 'hat'
- Use letter magnets to build words containing the sounds they have learnt
- Use Fred Talk to read and write words containing the sounds they have learnt

It has been exciting to watch students develop their confidence learning sounds and begin to read and write words containing the sounds they have learnt.



Room 13 – Mrs Utting

During our English lessons this term we have been looking at the story book 'Mad Magpie' by Gregg Dreise. The story talks about Guluu the Magpie who gets very angry because the butcher birds tease him, he listens to the advice of the Elders and remembers how he use to sing when he was having a bad day.

During our investigation of the book, we first explored the language used to develop characters focusing on nouns and noun groups. Then we considered how characters develop through events using verbs and verb groups. Finally, we looked at literal and implied meanings. This means we discovered what information we could gain from the text and what we could deduce by reading between the lines.

Based on the advice the Elders gave to Guluu, Room 13 students were encouraged to write their own *words of wisdom* for others who may be having challenges with friendships. The students needed to incorporate a simile into their advice much like the Elders did in the story for Guluu.

There was a lot of robust conversation about some of the advice, as students explained their thinking and justified their choice of simile. Some of the advice from Room 13 includes *stay calm like a tiger in a tree*, *stay strong like an oak tree*, *stay calm like a fish in the water*, *stay strong like a shark in the deep*, *stay calm like the Elders*.

We decided that it might be helpful to others to share our messages and made a display to go in the window. We hoped that other students could refer to it when they were finding their social interactions challenging during play times.





From our Community



So much fun and so many new experiences for youth aged 5 to 14 in the world's largest and most successful non formal youth development organisation. 3 free Come and Try sessions at **Whyalla Scout Group!**

Joey Scouts (5-7 year old) Mondays 6.00-7.00pm

Cub Scouts (8-11 year old) Mondays 6.30-8.00pm

Scouts (11-14 year old) Mondays 6.30-8.30pm

All during school terms.

For further information contact gl.whyalla@sa.scouts.com.au or

call/text Group Leader Christine 0418 870 890.

PLAY HOCKEY JOIN STEEL CITY



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COMMENCES MONDAY 20TH MARCH
WHYALLA HOCKEY GROUNDS
3 Weeks Come & Try – free BBQ each night**

**Boys & Girls Welcome
Under 7 • Under 10 • Under 13 • Under 16**

Training Times

U7 / U10 – Monday 5:00pm til 5:45pm
U13 / U16 – Monday 5:30pm til 6:30pm

Junior Registration Night

Monday 3RD April – 5:00pm til 6:30pm
Register to Play and Meet the Club

**Junior Coordinator:
Steve O'Brien – 0403 204 040**

steelcityhc@gmail.com
www.steelcityhockey.org.au



Want to try Judo?

First 3 lessons are Free

WHY: because its healthy & lots of fun

WHERE: Jubilee Park Showgrounds

WHEN: Every Tuesday & Thursday

**WHO: Juniors (U10): 6pm - 7pm
Intermediates & Adults: 7pm - 8:30pm**



Contact us on:



or send us an email:

Whyallajudoclub@gmail.com



STEM ROOM

BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday - Friday
8:20 - 8:50

